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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEDIA RELEASE

From: Emergency Operations Center
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Hurricane season is upon us and the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management is looking for individuals over 18 that are interested in joining the Hernando County Community Emergency Response Team.

CERT volunteers receive special training which enhances their ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster situation. As an organized team, they provide vital services in the absence of emergency responders, whose arrival may be delayed due to the severity of the situation.

The next training class will begin on October 5, 2011. Classes will be held from 6-9 pm every Wednesday night through November 16th in the Emergency Operations Center, 18900 Cortez Blvd.

Previous emergency experience is not required. The training, materials and equipment are provided free of charge. CERT members must pass a required background check including fingerprints.

If you are interested, please contact Richard Russell at 352-754-4083 or e-mail rrussell@hernandosheriff.org. You can also find an application on our website, www.hernandosheriff.org/em, click on the CERT link. All applications must be received by the close of business Friday September 23rd to allow for processing.